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1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call
2 the meeting to order. I appreciate you staying for
3 the work session. It's been a lovely couple of
4 days. I hope to see a lot more. The leaves have
5 been beautiful in the county.

6 This is the regularly scheduled meeting
7 of the Dade County Commission which takes place at
8 the same time on the first Thursday of every month.
9 Proper notice of this meeting was given to the legal
10 organ of Dade County, which is the Dade County
11 Sentinel. It has been posted in the hallway. At
12 this time, I do need a roll call. Mr. Lowery?

13 MR. LOWERY: Here.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Cervelli?

15 MR. CERVELLI: Here.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

17 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff, he is not here.
19 He is in training. He'll be back Friday.

20 Mr. Rumley is here. Evan, are you still here?

21 Would you care to lead us in prayer and also in the
22 Pledge of Allegiance?

23 (Thereupon, the invocation and
24 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

25 MR. RUMLEY: Don, at this time would

1 you go over the consent agenda, please, and we'll
2 entertain a motion to approve.

3 MR. PITTMAN: We have approval of the
4 previous minutes as presented, approval of Family
5 Literacy Month proclamation, approval of Veteran's
6 Day proclamation, approval of Sheriff's Department
7 to purchase three cars from Prater Ford at the base
8 price of 22,142 and then additional equipment at
9 Mountain View Ford for 10,402, agreement with the
10 Public Defender's Office for 2010, ordinance for
11 assurance of central services and land subdivision,
12 ordinance for regulation of special events on
13 right-of-way and ordinance for tobacco free county
14 park.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do you want to add
16 anything, Robin? Any questions? Peter, any
17 questions? Okay. At this time I'll entertain a
18 motion to approve the consent agenda. Do I hear a
19 motion?

20 MR. CERVELLI: I make a motion to
21 approve the consent agenda.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I have a motion.
23 Do I hear a second?

24 MR. PITTMAN: Second.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I do have a second.

1 I'll call the roll. Mr. Cervelli?

2 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Lowery?

4 MR. LOWERY: Yes.

5 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

6 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

7 MR. RUMLEY: And the chair votes yes.

8 Okay. At this time we'll go down to number two, 2A,
9 district commissioners' reports. Lamar, or I can
10 start with Peter, either way.

11 MR. LOWERY: The court facility is
12 coming out of the ground. We've had a lot of rain.
13 Now it's kind of drying out, so I noticed that
14 they're putting up a few blocks.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Oh, they're pouring
16 concrete.

17 MR. LOWERY: I've seen the footers have
18 already been poured last week, so we should see that
19 coming out of the ground soon, making a little
20 headway maybe, especially if it will stay dry for a
21 little while.

22 I had a bridge complaint in Slygo on
23 Slygo Road. A citizen called in. They actually
24 went to Robert Goff and Robert Goff actually went
25 and looked at a bridge in my district, but he called

1 and talked to me about it. I told him I appreciated
2 him taking the time to do it. My whole point of
3 this is if any citizen, if you don't know how to get
4 ahold of one of us, just call this office in here
5 and somebody will get down there. I think Ted was
6 out of town that day or he would have went and
7 looked at the bridge. It turned out it wasn't as
8 very bad as we thought it was.

9 But anyway, if anybody needs anything,
10 call this Commission office. We're all working as a
11 team. It don't matter who goes and looks at what.
12 If Robert had been out of town and I had got called,
13 I would have went down there and I would have called
14 Robert. So I appreciate what Robert did, too.

15 I had a citizen that has asked me about
16 Old Hooker Road. There's a church there on Hooker
17 Road. What's the name of that church, Rex?

18 MR. HARRISON: North Georgia Worship
19 Center.

20 MR. LOWERY: North Georgia Worship
21 Center. They've gotten to where they're having a
22 huge crowd now. They're having two services, which
23 is a great thing, but the road is very narrow and I
24 think the pastor of the church would like for us to
25 look at possibly making it a one-way street. We've

1 been talking about it. Ted is looking into what it
2 would -- go with the state. We've talked about it a
3 little. Before we would do something like that, we
4 would probably have to have the consent of the
5 people that live on the road, but that's one of the
6 things we are looking into on that road.

7 My final thing is I was hoping my dad
8 would be here tonight. Many of you know Tommy
9 Lowery. Well, he's going to be getting married here
10 about -- next Saturday and Eileen Sheehan is her
11 name. That's the girl's name. They come here a
12 lot, so if any of you see him, be sure and
13 congratulate him. I'm glad for him. I'm glad to
14 see him not -- being lonely is not a good thing
15 sometimes if you're not that type person, so I think
16 it will be good for him. I'm just proud to mention
17 that. Connie Therrien and me may now be kin. She
18 works for Eddie at the paper, so that's all I have.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Lamar.
20 Scottie, what have you got?

21 MR. PITTMAN: Nothing. I'm good. The
22 Transfer Station will be closed, I think Billy said,
23 Wednesday for Veteran's Day. That's about all
24 that's going on in the world of trash. Nothing
25 going on on Sand Mountain.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Peter?

2 MR. PITTMAN: Peter hasn't got
3 anything.

4 MR. CERVELLI: Why don't I just talk
5 about the budget again in a lighthearted way.
6 Eighty-three percent of the year is gone. Our
7 departments have spent about 77, 78 percent of their
8 budgets, so they're certainly managing their
9 expenses. Our revenue is about 81 percent, so it's
10 a little less than where we are in terms of
11 percentage of the year.

12 The real story is around sales tax.
13 S.P.L.O.S.T collections were about \$151,000 this
14 month. That's about \$50,000 off of what we planned
15 for. That's a serious deficiency in terms of income
16 for S.P.L.O.S.T and I was just talking to Don about
17 how we manage our S.P.L.O.S.T expenditures given the
18 uncertainty of how that revenue is going to be
19 coming in. On the operating side, which is the
20 L.O.S.T., the Local Option Sales Tax, we collected
21 about \$121,000. That's 30 percent off of where we
22 were the same time last October. We're down about
23 12 percent year-over-year at this point and if there
24 is a trend, I can't find it. I mean, it is all over
25 the place. There's more red on my sheet than black.

1 I track it several different ways and I don't know,
2 but we're going to have a challenge in terms of
3 income for operating expenses if this trend
4 continues as well as how we actually expend our
5 S.P.L.O.S.T dollars, so I'm hoping this is an
6 anomaly, but this is a dramatically bad month.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Well, it's been a
8 challenge all year, as you know, and we've got
9 another one coming in. Of course, the good news,
10 according to the other morning on the national news,
11 the recession is over, you know, they say. Well,
12 it's not in Dade County.

13 MR. CERVELLI: Not in Dade County.

14 MR. RUMLEY: If it is, I don't see it.

15 MR. CERVELLI: So that's the financial
16 news. Just on a road issue, we did have a road
17 issue up in the West Brow community. Billy and his
18 crew took care of that very promptly, so I want to
19 thank them for doing that and they did that in a
20 safe and sensible way.

21 The only other thing I would like to do
22 is just talk about community events. West Brow
23 Community Center is collecting money for holiday
24 baskets. They've already collected some money for
25 that, but if you're so inclined, they would be happy

1 to take your contribution for the baskets they put
2 together for the holiday season.

3 Hope for the Holiday, the sheriff is
4 going to be looking to to make some money to help
5 fund that effort. You may have heard it on the
6 radio. On November 14th there will be clean out
7 your closet day and it will start at 8:00 in the
8 morning Saturday over here on the square, Veterans
9 Park. So if you've got anything that's usable and
10 good quality that you're willing to give away, bring
11 it on down here. I think there will be trustees to
12 help you unload it and then if you're interested in
13 buying something, you can work your way through the
14 merchandise that's been donated that day and
15 negotiate, make an offer and maybe walk away with a
16 good bargain and that money will all go for Hope for
17 the Holidays. So that's November 14th, starting
18 at 8:00 a.m. right here around the square.

19 Veterans Parade is this Saturday, so if
20 you can make it, please come out that morning. And
21 the only other thing is tomorrow, there will be
22 museum ribbon cutting down at the post for the
23 military museum at 5:00 p.m. So if you're in town
24 and can make that, please try and do that as well.

25 MR. RUMLEY: I appreciate it, Peter.

1 Lamar, have you got anything else you want to say?

2 MR. LOWERY: Yeah. My guest of honor
3 didn't show up until just now, but there's my dad,
4 Tom Lowery and Eileen.

5 MR. RUMLEY: We've been talking about
6 you, Tommy.

7 MR. TOMMY LOWERY: Did he tell you who
8 the master of ceremony was?

9 MR. RUMLEY: No.

10 This month has been a busy month.
11 We've had quite a bit going on. When you get to the
12 last couple of months, you always -- well, all year
13 long it's important to keep spending down. Our
14 departments have really done a good job. I mean,
15 really it's amazing and it's not just one
16 department, but all of them. We have got our budget
17 ready to actually vote on, which the first meeting,
18 when is --

19 MR. TOWNSEND: The 19th.

20 MR. RUMLEY: The 19th of November.
21 There will be a called meeting. Of course, it will
22 be advertised and that's pertaining to the budget.
23 So we're ready to go with it on time and all. Then
24 we'll have a second reading. It will also be in the
25 paper. But we've worked real hard on it, all

1 departments have. They've really worked real well
2 with us.

3 Of course, like Peter said, next year
4 is going to be a challenge. It's been a little
5 different than it has been in the past years because
6 you can't -- it's hard to say just what -- there's
7 no pattern to it. That's what's scary, but we're
8 doing the best we can do. Like I said, not just the
9 Commission, but all of the -- all departments
10 involved. It's been busy.

11 Also we've been working on a couple
12 more grants that the State has come out with. It's
13 not a whole lot of money, but it's pertaining to our
14 park down here and the operation of it and a couple
15 of other things that we're looking at.

16 We've got a little incident at the
17 north end. We've also been trying to solicit some
18 businesses as always. You've always got that on
19 your mind as far as being a Commissioner, but we've
20 got a business in the north end that we're wanting
21 to locate up there and it's pertaining to a hammer
22 mill or paper mill and that's why we called a
23 special meeting the other night. We actually did a
24 resolution in there where we're actually going to
25 have some input in it as far as -- our worry is the

1 smell.

2 According to today, as of today, the --
3 they have a manufacturing plant in Las Vegas,
4 Nevada, that supposedly now they've agreed, if they
5 do come here, they're going to build it as close to
6 that one as they can. I've talked to several
7 different people in that city or right around that
8 same block of that area and that particular plant,
9 which they produce toilet paper, paper towels and I
10 think they said they do some type of diapers, I
11 think, but the type pulp that they use there, which
12 is where you get your smell, is a pellet type and
13 according to -- I even talked to one high school
14 there real close to it and they said the smell is
15 almost -- there's almost zero. The smell that they
16 do get out of it is sometimes it smells like wet
17 cardboard.

18 If they can do that, I think they
19 should be welcome to come in. But we need to have
20 that -- of course, the City of Chattanooga is
21 involved in this, too, because it's 60/40,
22 60 percent in Tennessee, 40 percent in Georgia. So
23 we're keeping an eye on that. It's about 200 jobs
24 after the first -- after the third year. They'll
25 start off with about 70 jobs, I think, and then

1 after the third year, they will be employing about
2 200, so that would be good. But when you're -- you
3 know, when you're wide open like that, you've got to
4 really watch what you let come in or what does come
5 in because it could affect our whole lives, not just
6 the north end, but the whole county. That was a
7 pretty important issue as far as I was concerned.

8 Also, Lookout Lake, that has came back
9 up. Mr. Woosley with Safe Dams people, if you're
10 not familiar with what I'm talking about out on
11 Lookout Mountain, Lookout Lake, our county road
12 crosses the main dam there and back about four years
13 ago, actually in '04, we actually had a tremendous
14 flood, rain. The water did go over the dam and the
15 Safe Dams people were brought in. So there's been a
16 lot of research. We've actually had to pay a fine,
17 I think, a couple of years ago, so it's coming to a
18 head.

19 We do have plans approved and they did
20 come up and do their yearly inspection two weeks
21 ago. We are living in compliance as far as the
22 pipes that Billy and them put in and the actual
23 siphoning system. So what it looks like -- and
24 we've also applied for a grant for that, too,
25 partially and we probably won't start work on it

1 until the weather breaks in the spring. But
2 according to them, we're fine right now.

3 I did meet with the landowners that's
4 downstream from there. I had never met them before,
5 but I met him. So that's where we stand right now.
6 Hopefully we can get the grant because you're
7 looking at probably spending right around half a
8 million dollars on this thing and that's not
9 anything that -- that's out of our hands. That's
10 State and Federal people. They tell you how it's
11 got to be fixed.

12 Anyway, the new building, as Lamar
13 said, they are pouring concrete. They've got some
14 of the footers. The blocks you saw there are where
15 the vaults are going, the Superior Court vaults.
16 They'll actually pour it and bring it up. Hopefully
17 by next week they'll actually have the slab poured
18 and come on up with the walls, so we're looking
19 forward to that. Of course, the weather has been
20 the holdback on it.

21 The other thing that's really important
22 is the -- my wife, Diane, had surgery and let me
23 tell you something, you don't realize how much you
24 miss your wife until you -- you know, she's hurting.
25 So y'all keep her in your prayers. Excuse me. I

1 get choked up when I start talking about my wife.

2 All right. I think I've said enough
3 for the night, so let's move down here. We've got a
4 fellow that can outtalk me any day of the week.
5 Looks like the mayor is here tonight. Barton, if
6 you want to come up, give us a little report here on
7 how the City is operating.

8 MR. HARRIS: I've got two or three
9 notes here. I'm glad to be here tonight. I don't
10 get to make a lot of meetings. I come in from LA
11 this morning or this afternoon, lower Alabama, but
12 two or three things going on in the City. You'll
13 notice the State DOT, they've had some prisoners
14 over here on the right-of-way doing some cleaning
15 over there and we appreciate them for that. The
16 Civic Center, there's been talk about it. Bids come
17 in high. It's went back to the engineers and
18 architects for some redraws and they had some -- a
19 lot of the stuff they were trying to put in it,
20 light fixtures, for instance, high dollar hard to
21 get ahold of, expensive bulbs, stuff like that, so
22 we kind of went back and put a little more value
23 into it, trying to get it ready to go. Hopefully
24 you'll be seeing more from it as soon as it comes
25 back. We'll be putting it back out for some quotes

1 on it.

2 High max lighting on the interstate,
3 still waiting on the State. They're supposed to be
4 doing some survey work out there. I say survey.
5 They're talking about the engineering where the
6 holes and stuff have got to be drilled. They've got
7 to check that out. Of course, everybody knows
8 that's dealt with dirt here in the city, it's dirt
9 for a little piece, rock for a little piece, dirt
10 for a little piece, rock for a little piece, but
11 it's kind of hard to deal with.

12 Finances look a whole lot like what
13 they were talking about here. Everything is, you
14 know, within budget right now. Money is slow coming
15 in. It is tax time, so taxes are coming in. We are
16 okay in the city, but that's where we're at. We're
17 just okay. We're not going to be raising any taxes
18 or anything like that.

19 One of things we are working on, the
20 County -- I'll put a plug-in in for them, too. The
21 County has done an excellent job and the City has
22 worked also trying to get our fire station equipment
23 in really good shape, good equipment down there, got
24 a good fire department. We're waiting on the water
25 department for some paperwork to get the ISO back in

1 gear. Hopefully we'll get a little better rating.
2 It may help people with their homeowners insurance,
3 but we're still waiting on the water department
4 right now and hopefully they'll get us the paperwork
5 before ISO takes it on their own to come in because
6 if they do -- you know, they don't like to do that
7 and if they do, they kind of -- I guess you could
8 say they get a burr under their saddle. It's been
9 years since we've had one and we're trying to get
10 set up to do it again. So that's kind of where we
11 are on that. Great to be here tonight. Good to see
12 y'all.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Glad you came. You're
14 welcome anytime.

15 MR. HARRIS: Give me a holler. I
16 appreciate everything y'all do.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Call if you need us. We
18 try to work together. You know that.

19 MR. HARRIS: Absolutely.

20 MR. RUMLEY: All right. We appreciate
21 that. Ms. Debbie Tinker with our Chamber of
22 Commerce. She's our director, executive director.

23 MS. TINKER: As everyone knows, not
24 only is the Chamber's job to promote existing
25 business, it is also to bring new business in and to

1 help develop the work force and we've been trying to
2 do that in our efforts with working with the middle
3 school and Project Synergy and the community and
4 government. We have been declared one of ten best
5 practices in Georgia of 129 counties that are
6 entrepreneur friendly and from this work of all of
7 us, we have been asked to present at the consortium
8 for entrepreneurship education. It's the national
9 consortium that will be held this weekend in
10 Norfolk, Virginia. For budget reasons, the Chamber
11 can't go, but Tom Randolph and Matt Jelly are going
12 up and representing Dade County. They will be
13 taking informational packets that the Chamber has
14 put together that represents the businesses, the
15 government, the community that has worked with this
16 project. They're also taking brochures of Dade
17 County. So we'll not only be seen statewide, but
18 nationally now, too.

19 Also, from this Martin Scott is going
20 to try to get us a House of Representatives
21 resolution and recognition in the House and bring us
22 down there this year. Because of all of this, we
23 have been asked to come present to Honda suppliers
24 in Haralson County in January. This came from the
25 meeting we had recently for entrepreneur where we

1 invited people from across the state to attend and
2 we had people from Honda, Haralson County,
3 Dahlonega, Georgia, just -- well, I think there was
4 50-plus people that were here that got to meet a lot
5 of our government officials, our community, our
6 educators and our business leaders.

7 Not only that, we've been doing some
8 fun things. We had a pumpkins on the square this
9 weekend where we worked with the Downtown
10 Development, the Library and other organizations and
11 I think it was one of the best ones we've ever had.
12 The kids really came out in costume. The animal
13 board had a pets in contest. The library had their
14 doors. The DDA had the scarecrow contest and now
15 we're making plans on working on the parade and
16 Christmas in the Park. We're also looking for
17 applications. We'll be electing some new board of
18 directors as some come off and we're going to miss
19 them very much. So anyone that would like to apply
20 to be on the Chamber board, we would love to have
21 your application.

22 Other things that we have been working
23 in, we have shown representation at the Tri-State
24 Council of Chambers, the Tri-State Regional
25 Workforce Alliance, Historic High County, Lookout

1 Mountain Valley Parkway. We have been working and
2 are the team leader for the Certified Work Ready
3 Community to try to get Dade County certified work
4 ready. And with that, we received a \$12,000 grant
5 that we will put to use to do an accelerated
6 program. We will be meeting Monday at 10:00 at the
7 Board of Education with Al Hutcheson to discuss the
8 best use of those funds. Y'all are invited and we
9 hope you will attend and just many other things.
10 There's copies of my report back here on the table,
11 the same one that I gave the Commissioners. Thank
12 you.

13 MR. RUMLEY: We appreciate it. Any
14 questions for Debbie? Good report. We appreciate
15 it. Appreciate you being here.

16 Okay. Don, I'll turn it over to you
17 there to give us our financial report for the month.

18 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. At the top you
19 see our blank balances. We have \$468,867 in the
20 general fund; \$45,096 in the federal asset fund; the
21 sheriff's fund is 10,328; drug abuse education fund,
22 30,370; supplemental juvenile service fund, 14,219;
23 victim assistance fund, 3,860; jail fund, 21,375;
24 federal asset fund Department of Justice, 2,253 and
25 payroll account is \$30,091. In the old S.P.L.O.S.T,

1 we have 900 -- overall \$991,492 and that's the old
2 S.P.L.O.S.T still remaining. Most of that is in
3 earmark for the new courthouse as well as 273,306
4 listed under capital bond.

5 And then below we have the new
6 S.P.L.O.S.T project accounts is currently zero,
7 however, we're getting ready to start using that.
8 That's been zero since the inception last October of
9 2008. The project account cannot have money in
10 the -- I'm sorry. The project account cannot have
11 money in it until we've accrued the necessary funds
12 out of the proceeds account. That's what Lamar was
13 talking about earlier that we have to, you know,
14 accrue that money and we have enough accrued at the
15 current time. I think our next scheduled payment is
16 next May at 142,000 and we currently have 217,943.
17 We would like that to be a little higher. We would
18 like to see 217 come in per month, but right now, as
19 Commissioner Cervelli noted, it's about 151,000.

20 The construction account is \$1,786,677
21 and the investments for the construction account is
22 \$582,048. Total construction fund is 2,368,725 for
23 a total of a little over 2.5 million in current
24 S.P.L.O.S.T funding as far as the new S.P.L.O.S.T
25 goes.

1 Under -- in the way of fire
2 departments, you see the money there currently. The
3 balances remain, 250,000 each for New Salem, South
4 Dade and Trenton, but our first payment is coming
5 due this month for the leases on the three new fire
6 trucks that each department has purchased and we'll
7 be paying that just any day. The Davis, New Home,
8 North Dade and West Brow Fire Departments didn't
9 bond their money and you can see Davis has a
10 remaining balance of \$4,847. New Home wins the
11 prize. They are down to \$113, so I'm sure we'll
12 find a need there somewhere. And North Dade has a
13 remaining balance of 15,424. West Brow has
14 \$106,038.

15 Going to the -- looking at the new
16 S.P.L.O.S.T. a little bit deeper, so far with the
17 new courts facility, we've only spent \$1,800, but
18 the reason is we're still spending money for the
19 most part out of the old S.P.L.O.S.T.

20 Fire equipment thus far we've spent
21 \$659,659 on new fire equipment in Dade County;
22 emergency services, 121,223. Some of that is for
23 the new radios and the preparation for the 800
24 megahertz, and parks and recreation, \$64,086, which
25 primarily is the construction and I believe that's

1 pretty much complete with the restrooms in the four
2 fields area. You can see here going down, we have
3 several project funds. But, again, as I stated
4 earlier, there's no money in the project fund yet so
5 we have no expenditures as of yet.

6 On average you can see right here in
7 this area, we have prior two-year averages monthly
8 revenues. These continue to shrink. October
9 average for two years originally was 224,000.
10 That's not including this year. And you can see
11 October of '09 we have received \$150,931. So if you
12 compare that to October 2008, it was 217,000 and I
13 believe I heard Commissioner Cervelli say it was
14 about 30 percent. That's correct. It's about
15 35 percent down from 2007, which is listed right
16 here where we collected 231,000, so we definitely --
17 we have no trend. As he stated, we've tried and
18 tried to find a trend. We thought we had one going
19 last month, but there's no way. So we'll just have
20 to wait and see.

21 I believe that's about it. You may
22 want to touch on as far as the economy goes. I know
23 there's a lot of people without jobs and there's
24 opportunity here every Wednesday if you want to
25 mention that about the Census Bureau is looking for

1 employment.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Yeah. From 9:00 until
3 roughly 2:00 they came in and reserved the
4 Commission Room here for Wednesday, every Wednesday
5 until the end of December and they're trying to hire
6 local Dade County people from different sections of
7 the county to go out to -- I think when they mailed
8 your forms out, the people that do not respond -- I
9 guess it's from January 1st. They've explained
10 that. That would be your job, if you're hired, to
11 go out to these people in your neighborhood and to
12 ask them if they need assistance or find out why
13 they didn't or for what reason. And the reason
14 being is that, you know, they would rather have the
15 local people because of familiar faces, you know,
16 rather than bring strangers in and all.

17 So if you know anyone -- you know, I'm
18 not sure. I asked him what it pays and that would
19 be discussed on Wednesday. He said it was over
20 minimum wage, so I'm not sure. But if you know
21 someone that just wants a part-time job, it would
22 probably be for like three months of work, possibly
23 more. So Wednesday morning at 9:00, send them down
24 here. Anything else you want to add, Robin?

25 MR. CERVELLI: Just on the census, you

1 know, it's not -- the questions are only ten
2 questions. It's a very simple census form, but the
3 way the system works here in this country is that
4 number, whatever number they count is very important
5 to how much money flows to our community. Whether
6 you agree with the process or not, that's the way it
7 is. And given the unfortunate unemployment rate
8 that's in the community right now and given the size
9 of our community, given that we're smaller than
10 20,000 people, that number, the unemployment and
11 poverty numbers will stick with us for ten years and
12 the only silver lining is that could be very helpful
13 to our future economic assistance in terms of what's
14 available from the Feds. So it's important we get
15 the best number we can in terms of people in the
16 community and a face from the community will help
17 people feel more comfortable perhaps filling out
18 those forms.

19 MR. RUMLEY: That's true. It's cost us
20 a tremendous amount of money just this year being
21 less than that 20,000 population. That seems to be
22 a cutoff. On several grants we filled out and we
23 were turned down because of that, especially, some
24 of the stimulus money, so it's important that every
25 person be counted, every head.

1 And as Peter said, they've actually --
2 the form is only ten questions and it's not like
3 some of the older ones that have page after page.
4 So, you know, try to -- if you've got someone that
5 has questions, tell them to call our office. A lot
6 of people feel it's a violation of privacy, but --
7 you know, I didn't even realize how important it was
8 until I actually got involved, you know, years ago
9 in politics and seen that count makes a big
10 difference to a lot of your money, so -- but we
11 appreciate all the support.

12 Anyone got any questions for Don
13 pertaining to the report tonight? Good job, Don.
14 You do a good job. We appreciate you. At this time
15 I'll entertain a motion to approve the financial
16 report.

17 MR. LOWERY: I make a motion we approve
18 the financial report.

19 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Do I hear a second?

20 MR. PITTMAN: I second.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. I'll call the vote.

22 Mr. Cervelli?

23 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

24 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Lowery?

25 MR. LOWERY: Yes.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

2 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

3 MR. RUMLEY: And the chair votes yes.

4 I appreciate that.

5 Okay. Robin, have you got anything
6 under legal matters at all?

7 MR. ROGERS: No. There's nothing new
8 to report.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Does that mean we don't
10 have to pay you tonight?

11 No unfinished business. New business,
12 we pretty much discussed anything pertaining to
13 that. Anyone want to come up and talk to us
14 tonight? We'll give you five minutes or more if you
15 need it. You're welcome to come up to the mic and
16 let us have it if you want to, everyone but
17 Mr. Riddle. Oh, I'm sorry. We'll give him 30
18 seconds.

19 MR. RIDDLE: You mentioned the --
20 somebody did, the bathrooms down at the four fields
21 being done. No, they're not. At least when I --
22 the girls' soccer teams, boys could care less, but
23 girls are wanting doors on those bathroom stalls.

24 MR. RUMLEY: We haven't heard anyone
25 complain.

1 MR. RIDDLE: Well, I have. Those
2 little girls would like a door.

3 MS. RAPER: Being a girl, you need a
4 door.

5 MR. RIDDLE: I mentioned it to them
6 down there. They said those walls were too thin.

7 MR. RUMLEY: Well, we've just got to
8 bring a strip across and bring it in. I appreciate
9 it.

10 MR. RIDDLE: Boys could care less, but
11 little girls want doors.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Anyone else
13 want to come up? Feel free. Please go back and get
14 the rest of the sweets off the table tonight. I
15 don't need any more myself. I think we've still got
16 some coffee before you leave. Out of coffee. But
17 we really appreciate all of you coming tonight. I
18 appreciate the mayor being here with us. The
19 Chamber is welcome every month. We appreciate all
20 of you.

21 Keep us in your prayers. This is a
22 tough job, whether you believe it or not. There's a
23 lot that you don't understand that the Commission
24 does. We're here for you. If there's no more
25 questions tonight, I'll entertain a motion to

1 adjourn.

2 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we

3 adjourn.

4 MR. CERVELLI: Second.

5 MR. RUMLEY: I hear a second.

6 Mr. Cervelli?

7 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Lowery?

9 MR. LOWERY: Yes.

10 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

11 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

12 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Rumley, yes. Meeting

13 adjourned.

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